

Today's News - Wednesday, September 19, 2007

A serious effort underway to make cities more livable for kids. – Fireworks galore re: Chicago Children's Museum: for Kamin, it's "much more than an entertaining political spectacle"; and the politics get more than a bit nasty. – Honky-tonk Coney Island could be a model of sustainable development (if all the players can play nice). – How could we resist images and video of China's National Grand Theater? – Polshek + media buildings x 3 = communication. – The starchitects came out for France's new architecture museum (would've been nice if they'd mentioned who designed \$114 million project). – Bernstein waxes poetic about the loss of Starck's "miracle on 44th Street." -- Nobel's list of favorite architects (a list of one). – CABE's Building for Life winners (would that they were the norm rather than the exception). – Jozi Style winners to design a Johannesburg housing estate with Joburg style. – Mayne hands over his big Zumtobel prize for sustainable design to Global Green. – Ada Louise Huxtable on criticism, inspiration, and using her thumbs. – Kroloff on Cranbrook. – A new book details the suburbanization of America's military bases where "conformity, consumption and golf dominate the lives of troops overseas." – Hadid's sculptural experiment at Royal Festival Hall.

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[Kids in Cities report will help urban leaders understand, support and scale the behaviors of pioneering urban families...IIT Institute of Design...developing concepts to counter \[parents' concerns\] through density, public space and using the city as a classroom...CEOs for Cities will develop and test these strategies by launching a Learning Network of four cities. \[pdf\]](#) CEOs for Cities

[Grant Park fireworks over kids museum: 'Clear and Free' depends on how you look at it...ongoing debate about the Children's Museum \[is\] much more than an entertaining political spectacle...It is, in reality, a significant argument over the future of Chicago's front yard... By Blair Kamin](#) - Chicago Tribune

[Grant Park fireworks over kids museum: Daley lights into alderman who opposes building on open space](#) - Chicago Tribune

[Making Coney Island Green: As incongruous as it might seem, Coney Island, with its honky-tonk image, could become a model of sustainable development. By Tom Angotti](#)- Gotham Gazette (NYC)

[Curtain to be parted at National Grand Theater: The egg-shaped edifice is one of the most talked-about architectural projects in years...audacious and innovative design... -- Paul Andreu \[images, video\]](#)- CCTV (China)

[Three New Buildings About Communication Are Also Designed to Communicate: Polshek Partnership Architects does not specialize in media buildings. But in an odd confluence, three such projects by this firm are opening in succession...Newhouse School, WGBH, Newseum](#)- New York Times

[New French Museum Embraces Architecture...La Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine, \(the City of Architecture and Heritage\) in Paris... -- Foster; Rogers; Hadid; Le Corbusier; Piano; Nouvel \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[In Memoriam: Philippe Starck's Royalton Hotel lobby, gone from Midtown, will always remain a landmark in our minds...A truly public company might have considered the value of saving Starck's miracle on 44th Street. By Fred A. Bernstein -- Roman and Williams Buildings and Interiors](#)- Interior Design magazine

[Model SHoP: Our columnist's favorite architects? His list of one begins here...a list--of one: SHoP Architects. By Philip Nobel](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Building for Life winners announced: ...one thing in common - a commitment to high design standards and good place making...Yet more remains to be done to ensure that the schemes celebrated this year become the norm rather than the exception. -- Lapworth Partnership; Stride Treglown; Rolfe Judd Architects; Gardner Stewart Architects; S&P Architects/Terry Farrell & Partners; John Thompson & Partners; PRP Architects; EDAW \[links to images\]](#)- CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment, UK)

[Palace Architects plots Jozi Style: The Johannesburg Property Company has announced the winner of its Jozi Style competition to design a housing estate that defines Joburg's unique style. -- Thinus Venter/Werner Lotz; Caron Schnaid \[link to images\]](#)- City of Johannesburg

[Zumtobel Award for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment Winners: Solar Updraft Tower by Schlaich Bergermann Solar and the San Francisco Federal Building by Morphosis; Mayne donates EUR 80,000 purse to Global Green. -- Sauerbruch Hutton; KieranTimberlake; Anna Heringer/Eike Roswag \[links to images\]](#)- Zumtobel Group

[Ada Louise Huxtable answers a few questions on criticism, inspiration, and process--using her thumbs.](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Reed Kroloff charged up about Cranbrook: "It's a little sobering."](#)- Detroit News

[Book review: Chain Stores, Picket Fences and Tanks: "America Town: Building the Outposts of Empire" by Mark L. Gillem...details the suburbanization of America's](#)

[military bases..."combine the sprawling and segregated patterns of suburbs"...conformity, consumption and golf dominate the lives of troops overseas, just as they do for their stateside suburban counterparts.](#)- In These Times

[Zaha Hadid at the Royal Festival Hall: Architect experiments with pre-cast concrete moulding techniques in Urban Nebula sculpture \[images\]](#)- Building (UK)

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